

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled).
2. (currently amended): The key switch diaphragm according to claim 14, wherein the first leaf spring has an angle cross section in a theoretical plane intersecting the reference surface.
3. (currently amended): The key switch diaphragm according to claim 14, wherein the first leaf spring and the second leaf spring are disc springs.
4. (currently amended): The A key switch diaphragm according to claim 1, comprising:
a first leaf spring having conductivity, having a base fixed relative to a reference surface and having a plate portion raised in a direction away from the reference surface;
a second leaf spring having conductivity, being formed on a central portion of the plate portion raised in a direction away from the reference surface; and further comprising
at least one raised portion being raised toward the reference surface, wherein
when an external force acting toward the reference surface is applied to the second leaf spring, an edge of the central portion comes into contact with the reference surface and
when an external force acting toward the reference surface is applied to the second leaf spring, at least the raised portion comes into contact with the reference surface.

5. (currently amended): ~~The—A~~ key switch diaphragm according to claim 1, further comprising comprising:

a first leaf spring having conductivity, having a base fixed relative to a reference surface and having a plate portion raised in a direction away from the reference surface;

a second leaf spring having conductivity, being formed on a central portion of the plate portion raised in a direction away from the reference surface; and

a third leaf spring formed on the second leaf spring raised in a direction away from the reference surface, wherein

when an external force acting toward the reference surface is applied to the third leaf spring, an edge of at least the third leaf spring comes into contact with the reference surface.

6. (currently amended): ~~The—A~~ key switch diaphragm according to claim 1, further comprising comprising:

a first leaf spring having conductivity, having a base fixed relative to a reference surface and having a plate portion raised in a direction away from the reference surface;

a second leaf spring having conductivity, being formed on a central portion of the plate portion raised in a direction away from the reference surface; and

an opening formed in the second leaf spring, wherein

when an external force acting toward the reference surface is applied to the second leaf spring, an edge of at least the opening comes into contact with the reference surface.

7. (original): The key switch diaphragm according to claim 4, wherein the raised portion is raised in three parts, and the raised parts are disposed at locations other than the center of the second leaf spring.
8. (original): The key switch diaphragm according to claim 7, wherein the raised parts are disposed at equal distances from one another on the circumference of a circle formed around a center of the second leaf spring.
9. (currently amended): A key switch comprising:
 - the diaphragm according to any one of claims [[1]]4 to 8;
 - a base plate on which a base of the diaphragm is placed and which defines the reference surface and defines a conductor which is electrically insulated from the base; and
 - an actuator which applies an external force acting toward the reference surface to the diaphragm and which is fixed relative to the base plate in position such that the actuator can move in a direction intersecting the reference surface.